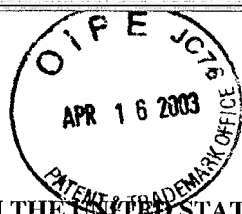


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Osamu KOMURA, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/744,160 : Group Art Unit: 2834  
Filed: March 15, 2001 : Examiner: Dang .D. Le  
For: BEARING STRUCTURES, SPINDLE MOTORS, AND HARD DISK DRIVES

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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No additional fee is required.  
Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27  
Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	26	26	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	5	5	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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These amendment and remarks are being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

This response is filed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 published in the Pre-OG notices of January 31, 2003.